

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Actions such as this threatens our democracy.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Instead they are using the airways, which belongs to the public, for their own political point of view. It is too bad that the fairness doctrine was eliminated from the rules governing the media. Airing different points of view helps to inform the public so that we have an educate electorate. Instead they are fed political propaganda.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.